

PLAGUE DECIMATES S. AMERICAN INDIANS

Spanish Influenza Reduced
Aborigines to One-tenth,
Says Explorer.

JUNGLE WONDERS HERE

W. J. La Varre Gathered
Rare Specimens for Various
Large Museums.

DIAMOND RUSH NOW ON

Gems Washed Down the Ma-
zaruni Valley From Vol-
canic Craters.

Tales of the far Mazaruni River
jungles and savannahs in British
Guiana were brought back by Wil-
liam J. La Varre of New York and
Washington when seen at the Hotel
Biltmore yesterday. Mr. La Varre,
who returned on the Lamport & Holt
liner Van Dyke Saturday, announced
an important shipment of mineral,
botanical and life specimens for Har-
vard University and the American Mu-
seum of Natural History will arrive
in April. He supervises research ex-
peditions there which are engaged in
permanent exploration of the interior
for both institutions. He himself is
engaged in mining and timber pros-
pecting.

Aborigines in the South American
jungles were all but wiped out in the
last epidemic of Spanish "flu," accord-
ing to Mr. La Varre, who said they had
been reduced to one-tenth by the
scurge.

They are not the fighting, warlike
type sometimes described. Mr. La Varre
said. Unlike the picturesque North
American Indian, they are undersized
and timid. Reacting to an environment
in which jungles are so thick that they
shut out the sun, they hang their heads,
shiver at strange noises and are afraid
to set foot from their campfires and
walk into the jungles at night.

Among fetiches to which these prim-
itives are prey, the explorer said, is one
called "beena," which, he said, is wish-
ing rather than willing. To kill a deer
for meat the jungle redman would cut
a gash just back of his thumb and rub
a deer's nose into it. Having thus duly
signified his desire to his deity, he would
go out and slay it. No tribal hunter re-
garded his equipment complete without
a string of old noses—deer, tapir and
wild pig. The jaguar, however, was
given a wide berth.

They are descendants of the Caribs
described by Columbus. Mr. La Varre
called them, and are still living on
cassava root and wild pig, as told in old
chronicles. Early cassava provided the
Indian his "hooch," roasted, it yielded
him a fattening breadstuff.

Mr. La Varre is to go to Washington,
where he will inspect rare animals and

Westchester Golf Clubs to Close to Save on Coal

OWING to a shortage of coal in
Westchester county it be-
came known yesterday that
several golf and country clubs will
close their club houses after Jan-
uary 1 except on Saturdays and
Sundays. Yule logs will be burned
in the big mansions and country
clubs in Westchester New Year
eve to conserve coal.

birds he sent the National Zoological
Park of the Smithsonian Institution
which are just being released to public
view from their "hidden cages." Wild
specimens must spend early days of
captivity in seclusion, he said, to accus-
tom them to feeding and to presence of
human beings. If exposed to sight of
crowds at the outset the excitement
would likely kill them.

The fifty new Smithsonian acquisitions
included two Canabara, the largest type
of rodent in the world, large as a dog,
three feet long and two feet tall. These,
however, proved amiable, and after four
days on shipboard were tame enough
to be let out on deck to the delight of
the crew.

Another prize he expected to see was
a Mata-Mata, an ancient species of
turtle with a long snout surmounted by
a great horn, associated by naturalists
with prehistoric reptiles.

U. S. OFFICER UNMASKS A FAKE LIEUTENANT

Accused Man Said to Admit
He Wore Uniform for Posing.

Edward Perry, 29, who said he was
a clerk living at 79 Orange road, Mont-
clair, N. J., and brother of Charles Per-
ry, a Montclair policeman, was arrested
last night in the lobby of the Hotel
Astor by Detective Christians and agents
of the Department of Justice and locked
up at Police Headquarters charged with
impersonating an officer of the United
States Army.

The complainant is Robert Franklin
Jones, a former Lieutenant in the Quar-
termaster Corps, who is staying at the
Army and Navy Club. He said he was
walking along Broadway Saturday night
when Perry, dressed in an exceptionally
good uniform as a first lieutenant, stop-
ped him and asked him for a match.

They talked for a time, and Jones
said that Perry showed an utter lack of
knowledge of the army and would not
say where he was stationed. Jones
made an appointment to meet him in the
Astor at 8:30 o'clock last night. In
the meantime he looked over the rec-
ords at the Army and Navy Club and,
unable to find Perry's name listed as
an officer, notified the police and the
Department of Justice.

PYROMANIAC AGAIN SETS FIRE TO BABY CARRIAGE

Patrolman G. R. Kelly Pre-
vents Flames Spreading.

The Fire Marshal's office and detec-
tives from the West Thirtieth street sta-
tion yesterday were seeking a pyro-
maniac who is believed to be responsible
for a fire in a four story apartment
house at 135 West Twenty-eighth street.

Patrolman George R. Kelly of the
West Thirtieth street station saw smoke
pouring from the hallway. Rushing in-
side he found some one had placed oil
soaked rags and wood in a baby car-
riage, which had burst into flame. He
wheeled the carriage to the sidewalk
and extinguished the fire without turn-
ing in an alarm. The building is owned
by Joseph Manheimer of 360 Seventh
avenue.

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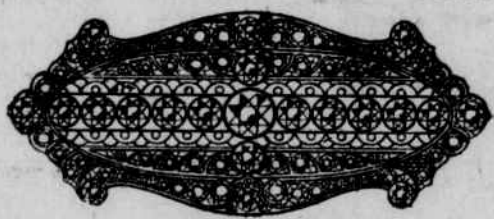
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